

Charter
Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services

A. Official Designation. The Committee shall be known as the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

B. Objectives and Scope of Activities. The Committee shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel (ASD(FM&P)), with advice and recommendations on policies and matters which relate to women in the Services. The Committee shall be composed of 25-40 civilian members selected on the basis of equitable distribution of points of view, fields of interest, and geographical representation. Members must be U.S. citizens selected without regard to race, creed, gender, national origin, age, marital status, or physical handicap. Members are appointed by the Secretary of Defense, and shall serve as individuals and not as official representatives of any group or organization with which they may be affiliated. Term of membership is 3 years, with approximately one-third of the membership rotating annually. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, but may be allowed transportation and per diem for DACOWITS conferences and meetings.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out Its Purpose. Indefinite.

D. Official to Whom the Committee Reports. The Committee reports to the ASD(FM&P), with functional responsibilities under the staff cognizance of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Manpower and Personnel Policy, (DASD(MM&PP)). The Committee meets at the invitation of the ASD(FM&P). The ASD(FM&P) shall designate a Federal Government officer or employee to approve or call each meeting, to approve the agenda, and to attend each conference or meeting of the Committee. The officer so designated shall have the authority to adjourn any conference or meeting of the Committee which is not considered to be in the public interest.

E. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support. The ASD(FM&P) provides such personnel, facilities, and other administrative support necessary for the performance of the Committee's functions. In carrying out the functions stated herein, the Committee may obtain information consistent with the provisions of DoD Directive 5000.19, and assistance through the DACOWITS office from DoD Components and from the Coast Guard (by agreement with the Department of Transportation), as appropriate.

F. Duties. The mission of the Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to women in the Services. Determination of actions to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to matters upon which the Committee reports or makes recommendations shall be made solely by the Secretary of Defense or other designated officer of the Federal Government.

G. Annual Operating Costs and Person-Years: It is estimated that the annual operating costs to support the Committee will be \$240,000, which includes staff support years, conferences and meetings, and per diem and travel costs; and the annual person-years of Federal staff support for the Committee will be 2.0.

H. Number and Frequency of Committee Conferences: A minimum of two formal conferences shall be held annually. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

I. Termination Date: The Committee shall terminate upon completion of its mission or 2 years from the date this Charter is filed with the U.S. Congress.

J. Filing Date:

28 FEB 1992